

Annually, the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Vigil Committee meets throughout the year to plan the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil which is held the first full weekend every May at the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.

The mission of the Annual Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil is to honor those fellow Illinoisans who paid the ultimate price; to remember and hope for return of those who are Prisoners Of War or Missing In Action; and to display gratitude and pray for peace for those that returned home from the Vietnam War.

Though the Vietnam War is the focus, the weekend events and ceremonies honor all active duty and veterans who served at any time.

If you have ever attended the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil, you know what a wonderful life-changing experience it is to get together with friends and family and brothers and sisters in arms to honor the service and sacrifice of our Illinois men and women and veterans across our nation. We hope you join us this year so we can reconnect with you and celebrate these brave men and women together!

If you have not attended the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil, we welcome you to join us for our 38th anniversary of remembrance. Once you experience everything the Vigil has to offer, you will be glad that you experienced it and may find that you want to return each year in May.

Come meet us and honor our veterans with us!

Book your room now for our May 1-3, 2026 Vigil. You may book at either the Northfield Inn Suites & Conference Center or the Ramada in Springfield. We look forward to seeing you!